

Papillion Garden Club Meeting on 3-8-22

The Papillion Garden Club met on 3-8-22. We had 36 people in attendance which included three new members and one guest. We had everyone sit at the table that was the month of their birthday so people could maybe get to know someone new.

Sandra Gable, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She then had the three new members and our guest introduce themselves to everyone.

Sandra Gable then introduced the speaker for the evening, Joanne Langabee. Joanne is a Master Gardener who along with Holly Hofreiter has conducted field research since 2015 and wrote a field guide, "Common Butterflies of Eastern Nebraska". Joanne showed us a powerpoint that included pictures of all the butterflies we may see in our area and pointed out how to identify them. She talked about what the butterfly requirements were to attract them to your yard, the host plants, colors of flowers that they like, and other interesting facts. We all enjoyed the presentation and it will be fun to try to identify butterflies this summer!

Cathy Bartunek, Vice President, then handed out birthday cards with a gift of a seed packet for all members that had birthdays from January through March and announced who they all were.

Sandra Gable then brought up the Old Business from our February 2022 meeting. Deb Busche checked out a couple of businesses to compare prices of printing signs with our garden club information on it. She said that she found that Office Depot was reasonable and could print a one-sided sign for \$27 or a two-sided sign for \$51. It would take a couple of weeks to have the print job completed. They could also do posters, any size, that would be waterproof. Joyce Stranglen offered to make a design for our club and will show us what she came up with next month. Mary Munshaw brought in the banner that she had at her house, and we decided that we couldn't use it or repurpose it. Sandra Gable brought up our website and how we can now send pictures of our gardens, flowers, and houseplants to Mark Feldhausen to put on the website. It will also include the speakers that we will have each month for the rest of this year. There is so much great information on our website and hope everyone starts using it. Judy Liberty, Treasurer, contacted several garden centers regarding giving us a 10% discount for our garden club members. Canoyers Garden Center in Papillion agreed that they would give us a 10% discount if we showed our membership cards to them. Nancy Zaraya is going to bring our membership cards to our next meeting to give to everyone. Sandra Gable asked everyone to keep bringing in any gently used items for our door prizes each month. Sandra brought up the "Bloom in Spring" fundraiser that the Papillion Junior Woman's Club will be hosting on 4-23-22. The fundraiser will feature a fashion show, boutique, and raffle at Trinity Church, 90th & Hwy 370, and the doors open at 9:30am. Brunch will be served at 10:30am and the fashion show starts at this time. She would like the garden club to have one or two tables at this event and if we could bring in any houseplants and plants grown from seeds that would be great. We will also need volunteers to man the tables. Please bring the plants to our April meeting. Tickets are \$20 per person to attend this event.

Karla Rupiper sent around a sign-up sheet for anyone that would be interested in helping with the Butterfly Garden in Papillion. Joyce Stranglen announced who signed up for treats in April-Rita Munnely, Karla Rupiper, and Joyce Stranglen. Cathy Bartunek let us know that she contacted "Local Logic" in Papillion and we will order shirts from them if anyone is interested, which will include our Papillion Garden Club logo. The information about the shirts will be on the website. The shirt will cost

approximately \$17-\$23. She showed us an example of what the shirt would look like. Mark Feldhausen then spoke to us about our website. He showed us how to navigate it, what information was on it, and then how to upload pictures to him. We have a very informative website and we should all be checking it out as a wealth of information plus now our gardens and plant pictures. Next month we will start having a "Gizmos, gadgets and ideas segment" for gardening. If you have any ideas on this or anything else, please send Sandra Gable a message. If you have any plants or seeds to share, please bring them in. Sandra brought up that if we had any ideas on a community project to let her know since we don't do the Papillion downtown planting anymore.

We drew names and six people received prizes of butterfly books and butterfly trifolds! John Peterson shared with us about some seed catalogs that he had brought, we could take a look at them, and he sang a little song regarding plants!

Sandra Gable adjourned the meeting at 9pm.